Press release

First gales of autumn to blow in

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Met Office forecasters are predicting that the first gales of autumn will hit many parts of the UK later this weekend. A series of deepening Atlantic depressions will bring spells of wet and windy weather across the country, with brighter showery spells between times.

The Met Office's Chief Forecaster, Mike Dutton, warned: "Friday's sunny weather will be short lived. We are looking at a marked change and some very disturbed weather later this weekend. Some heavy rain is likely, with winds exceeding 60 miles per hour in places."

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